

To whom It May Concern,

Please stop Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary. While I believe that people have a right to express their political views, the public airwaves are not the right place for this. Maybe the movie should be distributed via the theaters, such as the anti-Bush Fahrenheit 9/11 movie was. This kind of very biased information should not be broadcast via the public airwaves. In these settings, people who want to see it have to pay for it.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.